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SUBJECT: 98 EXBD ITEM 5.2.2 - UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY

REF: STATE POSITION PAPER 98 EXBD/ITEM 5.2.2, 9/18/75

1. ACTING ADG FOR EDUCATION FERNIG MADE OPENING STATEMENT IN PLENARY SESSION SEPT 25. NARASIMHAN, UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR INTERAGENCY AFFAIRS AND COORDINATION, WAS PRESENT. DISCUSSION GENERALLY FAVORABLE, SUPPORTING UNU. SIXTEEN MEMBERS SPOKE. SOME REQUESTED CLARIFYING INFORMATION. USDEL MADE SUPPORTING STATEMENT USING SOME LANGUAGE FROM REF POSITION PAPER, BEING CAREFUL TO USE EXACT WORDS CONCERNING POTENTIAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION. INDICATIONS ARE THAT U.S. STATEMENT WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. EASTERN BLOC AND CHINA REMAINED SILENT DURING DISCUSSION.

2. JAPAN MADE PLEA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUND AND SAID AN ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN TOKYO TO
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SUPPORT UNU.

3. ARGENTINA, THOUGH SUPPORTIVE, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT UNESCO SHOULD HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER COORDINATION WITH UNU TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. PROPOSED VERBAL AMENDMENT TO DR AS PARA SIX THAT DG APPOINT A UNESCO REP TO RESIDE IN TOKYO AND/OR BE A PERMANENT MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL. URUGUAY, BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

4. OTHER MEMBERS' CONCERNS CENTERED ON (1) LINKAGES WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL CENTERS; (2) URGENT NECESSITY FOR MORE CONCRETE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (EGYPT AND AUSTRIA FELT THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN UNU'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUND); AND (3) GEOGRAPHIC DISLOCATION FROM MAJORITY OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS WITH POSSIBLE RESULT OF LESS THAN DESIRABLE PARTICIPATION BY THEM.

5. NARASIMHAN, DG AND CHAIRMAN WYNTER PROVIDED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION TO ISSUES RAISED BY SPEAKERS. THESE EXPLANATIONS FOLLOWED GENERALLY WHAT IS STATED IN DOCUMENT 98 EX/11 AND WERE TO REASSURE BOARD THAT UNU WOULD BE AUTONOMOUS, WOULD MAINTAIN ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND EXCELLENCE, WOULD EMPHASIZE RESEARCH AT POST-GRADUATE LEVEL, AND WOULD INCLUDE THIRD WORLD PARTICIPATION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

6. THEY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF SOME INTEREST TO DEPT:

- (A) SUMMARY RECORDS OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE FORWARDED TO UNU RECTOR;
- (B) HOST GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED IN TOKYO DURING OCTOBER;
- (C) UNESCO IS NOT PLANNING TO ESTABLISH NEW OFFICE OTHER THAN THE APPOINTED COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION WITH UNU. (IT APPEARED THAT DG SAID THIS FOR U.S. BENEFIT).

7. THEY FURTHER STATED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED ARGENTINE AMENDMENT. CHAIRMAN APPOINTED PROF. UNCLASSIFIED

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BOROLOSSY (EGYPT) TO LEAD SMALL WORK GROUP TO REDRAFT DR. BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT IT WILL BE MORE DETAILED, WILL INCLUDE REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF INTER-INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, WILL INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS MAY HELP TO STIMULATE CONTRIBUTIONS AND WILL REQUEST THAT COORDINATIVE MECHANISMS BE STRENGTHENED BETWEEN UNESCO AND UNU.

8. FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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